UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SALINA WILLIFORD,

                Plaintiff,

        -against-

FIREWORK et al.,

               Defendants.

24-CV-2335 (LTS)

ORDER DIRECTING SIGNATURE

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge:

Plaintiff brings this action *pro se*. The complaint that Plaintiff submitted is unsigned. Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that "[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper must be signed . . . by a party personally if the party is unrepresented." Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a); *see* Local Civil Rule 11.1(a).

Plaintiff is directed to resubmit the signed complaint within 30 days of the date of this order.[1] If Plaintiff returns the signed complaint by mail or in person, it must have an original signature. If submitted by email to Pro_Se_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov, it must comply with the SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions and can be signed using an electronic signature in the signature block or a typed name with /s/ in the signature block ("/s/ John Doe").[2] A typed name that does

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[1] Plaintiff's complaint does not use the court's form and does not have a signature page. The Court therefore attaches a copy of the employment discrimination complaint form for Plaintiff to use.

[2] The Supreme Court has interpreted Rule 11(a) to require, "as it did in John Hancock's day, a name handwritten (or a mark handplaced)." *Becker v. Montgomery*, 532 U.S. 757, 764 (2001). Although a "typed name" does not satisfy Rule 11(a)'s signature requirement, the Supreme Court affirmed the right of courts "by local rule [to] permit papers to be filed, signed, or verified by electronic means." *Id.* Under this Court's local rules, where a document is filed in accordance with the SDNY Electronic Case Filing (ECF) Rules & Instructions, the filing complies with the local rules. *See* Local Civil Rule 5.2. The SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions, at Rule 1.1 and Appendix C, authorize *pro se* parties to sign documents submitted to the court by email using an electronic signature or typed name with /s/ in the signature block (for example,

not include "/s/" to show that it is intended to be a signature, or that is not in the signature block,

is insufficient.[3] The signed complaint must be labeled with the docket number 24-CV-2335

(LTS).

No summons shall issue at this time. If Plaintiff complies with this order, the case shall be

processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk's Office. If Plaintiff fails to comply

with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed without prejudice.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would

not be taken in good faith, and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an

appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962) (holding that appellant

demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

 Dated: March 28, 2024
           New York, New York

                                           /s/ Laura Taylor Swain
                                            LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
                                         Chief United States District Judge

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"/s/ John Doe").

[3] For registered ECF filers, "[t]he user log-in and password required to submit documents
to the ECF system serve as the Filing User's signature on all electronic documents filed with the
Court." Rule 8.1 of the SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions. Pro se litigants must request
permission to register for ECF filing.